

RANSDELL DEFENDS RIVERS LEGISLATION

Asks for Bill of Particulars on Charges of "Pork Barrel."

DELEGATES GREETED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

Executive Makes Brief But Humorous Speech and Receives Ovation.

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The convention promptly at 10:30 o'clock brought forth the most spontaneous welcome the congress has ever given him. He answered it by delivering the shortest address he has ever made before that body.

In no way did the President refer to "pork barrel" methods. Practically the only policy he advocated is that calculated to bring about more co-operation between the railroads and waterways, which would be followed by a better development of terminal facilities for the latter.

Humor in Speech.

The brevity of the President's speech was more than counteracted by the unusual amount of humor which he injected into it. Several times the delegates were in a roar of laughter.

He referred to the snow, which, he said, was not always to be found in Washington, but seemed to be popular of late. One of his duties as President of the United States, he declared, was to act as mayor of Washington, and his presence before the congress simply was to welcome the delegates to the Capital.

The President then expressed his confidence in the ingenuity of American experts in transportation and said he believed the problem of the rivers eventually would be satisfactorily worked out.

"Now, that's all I have to say this morning," he concluded. "I congratulate you that I am in that humor. Good morning."

After the President had departed, Senator Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, Mexican ambassador, delivered an address on the development of the waterways of his country, and was followed by De Alva S. Alexander, chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Mr. Ransdell's Report.

President Ransdell then took the floor and presented his annual report. He plunged into a denial of the "pork barrel" charges in the early part of his address.

He said:

"We have persistently opposed a dribbling, piecemeal policy of waterway improvement and always have insisted upon the adoption of a comprehensive, general, wise, conservative plan, with the end in view of completing within a definite period of ten to fifteen years these waterways in our interior and along our seacoasts that give promise of increasing and cheapening transportation facilities."

"We have ever made, and shall continue to make a determined fight against anything that savors of the so-called 'pork barrel' legislation in river and harbor bills, and we unhesitatingly say that for the past thirteen years these bills have been as free from the charge of 'pork barrel' as any that have been passed by Congress."

"I respectfully suggest to the critics that they prepare a bill of particulars instead of speaking in general terms, for I am sure that on careful examination no serious complaint can be made of any of our waterway legislation in recent years."

For Contract System.

President Ransdell advocated a continuance of the contract system for the waterways movement, and following the line of thought brought out by President Taft, urged that Congress pay special attention to the matter of terminals.

He said he believed \$50,000,000 should be expended annually for the improvement of the nation's waterways. He pointed out that while the completion of the Panama canal in sight it would be unwise for the nation not to assist that great waterway by the thorough and complete development of her harbors, that the ships which pass through the canal may communicate with every section of the Union, and the rivers which run down to the sea may bear their full share in contributing to its commerce.

The address of Ambassador de la Barra was devoted almost exclusively to an account of Mexico's waterway development. The diplomat pointed out, however, that whatever development takes place in the United States it would influence that in the country to the south of her.

Engineers Give Aid.

Representative Alexander said the engineers have submitted minimum estimates for a single year. This paved the way, he said, for the enactment of a bill, moderate in amount, which would be fair to all sections of the country, discriminating in its selection of projects, and helpful in the speedy completion of great projects.

The attendance at the opening of the congress this morning broke all records. It is estimated there were in the neighborhood of 2,000 delegates in the room when President Taft was introduced.

The ovation given the Chief Executive last year was unusual, but this morning it surpassed that of the former occasion. The applause from hand-clapping expanded into cheers which came from every part of the hall. The applause lasted several minutes. Secretary to the President, Charles Dyer Norton, and Capt. Archibald Butt, his aide, accompanied the President.

Before the President was introduced, the invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Samuel H. Greene, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church.

Many Women Present.

In the audience was an unusual number of women. A joint session with the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress will be held tomorrow evening.

Preparatory to the opening this morning the board of directors of the congress, numbering 150 members, held a meeting at the New Willard last night. The financial report presented showed that the congress had expended \$25,000 during the past year in educating the public in the cause of waterways.

This afternoon several prominent speakers addressed the congress, among them being J. A. Patton, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Col. William L. Skidmore, a member of the Panama Canal Commission; D. E. Skinner, of San Francisco, Cal.; and Senator Borah, of Idaho.

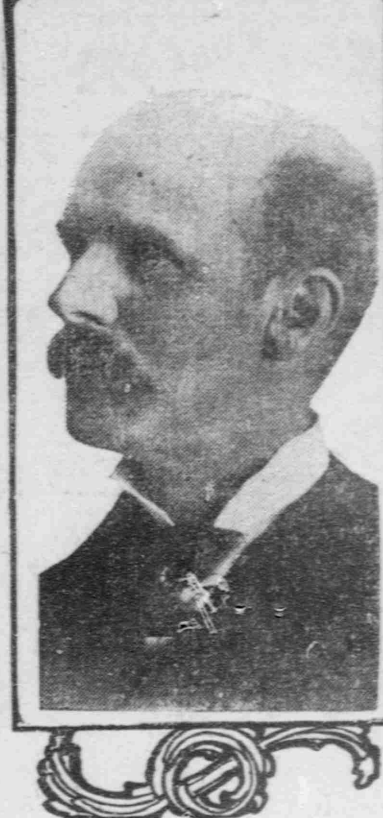
Prominent Figures in Opening Session of Rivers and Harbors Congress



SENOR DE LA BARRA, Mexican Ambassador to United States, Who Made An Address.



PRESIDENT TAFT, Who Welcomed the Delegates to the Capital.



REV. SAMUEL H. GREENE, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Who Pronounced the Invocation.

JURY RAISES MONEY FOR LAUNDRY VICTIM

Decides Against Girl in Damage Suit, But Would Help Her.

Twelve jurors, who saw Flossie May Clements fall fainting when he barred her mangled arm before them in her damage suit, yet who, weighing the case by their oaths and by the instructions of the court, found a verdict in favor of the defendant, today started a subscription for the girl.

They raised \$20. They want much more. Already has one Washington attorney subscribed \$50. Other contributions are in prospect. And all this is because the strict interpretation of legal equity leaves the girl maimed, incapacitated for work, and destitute.

The jury, after meeting and contributing \$20, authorized Thomas W. Schaffer, of 65 Thirteenth street, one of its members, to receive further contributions.

In the meantime, the attorneys who conducted the suit for Miss Clements are preparing to note an appeal from the ruling of Justice Barnard. The judge found, after hearing the evidence, that the girl's injury resulted from contributor's negligence on her part, and directed that a verdict be returned for the defendant. The girl is represented by Attorney Crandall Mackay, J. McD. Carrington, and Hayden Johnson.

Caught in Machinery.

The injury to Flossie May Clements, a young laundry employee, happened on April 7, 1909. Her right hand was caught in the heavy machinery of a mangle. Horribly scalded, she was hurried to the hospital, where a first and then a second amputation was necessary before the girl was discharged cured, but helpless.

She brought suit against the company for \$20,000. Meanwhile the girl and her mother have existed in a little hall room in Missouri avenue, where the fight for life has been very hard.

The case was called before Justice Barnard, of the District Supreme Court, and on Monday morning the girl, shrinking from an exhibit of her injuries, was called to the witness stand. She gave her testimony. And then she was requested to draw back her sleeve.

Faints on Stand.

The girl, who is yet young enough to appreciate the loss which has come to her, trembled, drew the sleeve back from the mangled arm, and fell fainting on the floor. She was carried from the courtroom and it was hours before she could resume her testimony.

Yesterday the question of contributory negligence arose, and was decided against the girl.

THEY GROW

Good Humor and Cheerfulness from Right Food and Drink.

Anything that interferes with good health is apt to keep cheerfulness and good humor in the background. A Washington lady found that letting coffee alone made things bright for her. She writes:

"Four years ago I was practically given up by my doctor and I was expected to live long. My nervous system was in a bad condition. 'But I was young and did not want to die so I began to look about for the cause of my chronic trouble. I used to have nervous spells which would exhaust me and after each spell it would take me days before I could sit up in a chair."

"I became convinced my trouble was caused by coffee. I decided to stop it and bought some Postum.

"The first cup, which I made according to directions, had a soothing effect on my nerves and I liked the taste. For a time I nearly lived on Postum and ate little food besides. I am today a healthy woman."

"My family and relatives wonder if I am the same person I was four years ago, when I could do no work on account of nervousness. Now I am doing my own housework, take care of two babies—one twenty the other two months old. I am so busy that I hardly get time to write a letter, yet I do it all with the cheerfulness and good humor that comes from enjoying good health."

"I tell my friends it is to Postum I owe my life today."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pinks. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

BOARD OF TRADE FOR CROSS-SEAT

Favors Its Use on All Car Lines for All Purposes.

After spending a month investigating the street car seat issue, the transportation committee of the Board of Trade has arrived, by a circuitous path, at an endorsement of the cross-seat.

The report of the committee, made public today and filed with President Geo. H. Harries of the Board of Trade for consideration by the board later, shows that the members of the committee have concluded that cars with longitudinal seats are preferable for "city service" or for streets where stops are frequent and the average length of ride of each passenger short, and that cars with transverse seats are preferable for "suburban service" or streets where stops are infrequent and the average length of ride of each passenger long.

Following this, however, is a recommendation that transverse seats be provided in equipment purchased in the future if the companies adopt the policy of using one convertible car for both winter and summer use. The fact that the companies have already adopted this policy makes the report of the Board of Trade committee favorable to the ultimate use of longitudinal-seat cars for all purposes on all lines.

Cross-seat Car Preferable.

The committee's report, signed by Alexander Britton, chairman, shows that hearings on the car-seat question were held and that evidence was obtained from citizens, from officers of both local companies, and from the

District Electric Railway Commission. The committee's conclusions are set forth as follows:

"The committee is of the opinion and so recommends that the transverse-seat car is preferable for general use and should be used by all companies for long hauls, and upon suburban lines, and as far as possible upon city lines, where traffic has not reached a crowded point; that upon all other lines of short runs and frequently crowded conditions it will be found impossible to operate sufficient numbers of such cars to care for the traffic and that longitudinal-seat cars will probably be found most effective for such use."

"If, however, as stated by the railway companies, it should be impossible for them, for financial and other reasons, to maintain a separate equipment for winter and summer use, necessitating their putting into service convertible, pay-as-you-enter or pay-within cars, it is the opinion of this committee that the transverse-seat car lends itself most readily to the convertible feature, and that in future orders for convertible cars, the same should be of the transverse-seat pattern."

President to Be Guest Of Honor At Dedication

President Taft will be the guest of honor at the dedication of the Holy Cross Academy, by Cardinal Gibbons, at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Following the dedicatory exercises there will be a reception from 4 o'clock until 6 in the academy building.

ABSCESSSES

"I should feel guilty of ingratitude if I did not tell of the benefits I have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla. Five ugly and painful abscesses formed in the lower part of my abdomen. I was confined to my bed thirteen weeks, and the pain was almost unbearable. A neighbor suggested that I try Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I did. I began to improve immediately, the abscesses began to heal, and I took the medicine until I was well." John Wallace, Field Sec., Y. M. C. A., Pittston, Pa.

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CURLING IRONS TELL ON NEGRO CAPTIVE

Found in Pocket After Arrest on Telephone Message From House Robbed.

Edward West, a negro, charged with housebreaking, is locked up at the Second precinct police station, and will be arraigned in Police Court tomorrow.

Hearing an unusual noise on the first floor of her home while alone in the house yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Agnes White, of 1503 Sixth street northwest, rushed downstairs, and was surprised to find a negro standing in the hallway. The negro ran out the front door before Mrs. White could summon assistance.

Mrs. White telephoned No. 2 police station and gave a description of the intruder. Half an hour later Police-man Belt arrested West, and, according to the police, a muffled, curling iron, and several other articles stolen from the White home, were found in his possession. The negro entered the house by climbing in a rear window.

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JUDGE C. W. DAYTON, OF NEW YORK, DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Dayton died at his home in this city today, after an illness of nearly a year. Early last spring he suffered a nervous breakdown, and continually grew worse. Several weeks ago he developed pneumonia, and for a week his death has been looked for.

Justice Dayton was sixty-four years old and had been prominent in New York politics for many years.

While Grover Cleveland was President he was postmaster of this city, and he was elected to the supreme court bench in 1906.

COAL IN CHICAGO TO JUMP SKYWARD

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—December 15 is the day set by coal dealers for another skyward jump in the price of coal. The excuses given are the shortage, the recent strike in the mines, and the increased railroad rates.

The prices have been advanced 35 cents a ton in the last month.

The new increase will be between 50 and 75 cents a ton and as usual the consumers will have to pay.

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